

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

On page 45, please delete the title and abstract and substitute therefor:

~~ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION~~

~~NOVEL BAG PROTEINS AND~~

~~NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING THEM~~

The present invention provides a family of BAG-1 related proteins from humans (BAG-1L, BAG-1, BAG-2, BAG-3, BAG-4 and BAG-5), the invertebrate [[C.]] *C. elegans* (BAG-1, BAG-2) and the fission yeast [[S.]] *S. pombe* (BAG-1A, BAG-1B) and the nucleic acid molecules that encode them.